GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FIRE IN GOOTY DIESEL SHED
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a major fire incident occurred in the Gooty diesel shed in Andhra Pradesh in the recent past;

(b) If so, the number of railway engines burnt in the fire alongwith the total estimated loss incurred in this fire;

(c) Whether any enquiry has been ordered into the incident;

(d) If so, the findings thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon; and

(e) The steps taken to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) No, Sir. However, a minor incident of fire occurred on 18.04.2006

(b) No Railway Engine/Loco was burnt in the fire. However loss of Railway's property worth Rs.25,000/- has been estimated.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal had ordered a departmental inquiry which has revealed that during the process of welding, some sparks fell into the pit in which oil and water had accumulated. This caused the fire. Fire was extinguished immediately by the Railway Administration.

(e) South Central Railway has taken steps to stop recurrence of such incidents in future by procuring fire extinguishers, training Railway staff and maintaining constant vigil by the Railway Protection Force

(RPF) staff.